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Dear Orestes,

I write you in haste at a time when I am very busy because I expect to be even busier and I want to keep my promise to you as completely as possible.

You will remember that I told you I would get a copy of everything about you in the government's files that I could. From time to time, as I have found what they pretended they did not have, I sent it to you.

I now find that there are two pages that have been kept secret but have been "declassified", that is, made available. They deal with your passport, what that estupides Liebeler made such a big deal about. Unless there was the official suspicion that you really were some kind of red agent, I cannot understand why this was ever kept secret. When I have a chance to go over the exact words, something may suggest itself.

This file is identified as CD1307. A copy of your passport is included, but that is not made available. I can't get a copy (nor do I want it, for I do not regard you in any suspicious way, as you know). You should understand that it may well be that such things as passports perhaps ought not be made available, for they might involve the rights of individuals to privacy, etc. However, in other cases, passports are not secret. So, without looking into it, which doesn't seem worthwhile since I have absolutely no question about you, I can't give you a real answer.

Nor do I think there is any reason for you to need a copy of their copy of your passport, unless they have changed it or added to it, and I have no reason to believe or suspect either.

However, because I told you I would try to get and would send you everything, while I have a few minutes before leaving home on an errand, believing that I may be too busy to write when I get these pages, I send this explanation. Now, should you for any reason think you might want the xerox of your passport, I think they would have to give it to you. Let me know if you want it and I'll ask the people in charge.

Since I saw you I threatened to file a suit to get what they have suppressed on Ferrie. In order to be able to file such a suit, I have to first file a series of papers, which tells them plainly that I am going to file the suit. In what I believe is an effort to talk me out of it, they have given me some of it. That some comes to quite a bit, and it tells me very, very much. I have also obtained a fairly large amount of other New Orleans materials from other sources, not New Orleans sources.

I hope you are well, and that all of you have a good year. My best, please, to Evvie and his wife.

Sincerely,